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Timely Tidbits

Deadline Approaches for Board Election

In order to have their name appear on this June's ballot, candidates seeking one of two available seats on the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education must file their petitions with the Romulus City Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 8. Call 734-942-7540 for information.

Rummage Sale

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston, invites the public to attend its rummage-sale fund-raiser, set for Friday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 734-753-9048

Step Up & Help Out

Cory Elementary students and the school's Parents That Care group are asking kind hearts to join their current school project called "Step Up & Help Out" - by donating used shoes that are in fairly good condition. All donations will be forwarded to the Helping Hand Thrift Shop. The shoe drive will end on Wednesday, April 17. For information, call 734-532-1300.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held - rain or shine - at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga and Wick roads) on Saturday, March 30, beginning at 12 p.m. Egg hunts will be organized into the following age groups:

- ages 3 and under,
- ages 4 and 5,
- ages 6 and 7, and
- ages 8 through 10

Prizes will be awarded to the first-, second-, third-, and fourthplace winners in each of the four age divisions.

Although there is no charge to participate in this program, children must bring their own basket or bag to hold the eggs they collect.

For more information, please call 734-942-6852.

Corey Chandler Named "Firefighter of the Year"

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Corey Chandler, a lifelong resident of Romulus and full-time Garden City firefighter/paramedic, has been named "Firefighter of the Year" by the Garden City Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce. He will be formally honored at an upcoming dinner ceremony along with the city's Policeman of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Chandler - a volunteer firefighter in his home town before being hired by Garden City in 1993 - plays a big part in his department's public-education programs. He especially enjoys working with youngsters.

"They look up to you - more so since the September 11 disaster, "Chandler said, "It's a very rewarding job!"

As a paramedic responding to medical emergencies, Chandler likes being able to help people.

"Whether it's a small cut or a serious problem, you help people feel better," he

"I always wanted to be a firefighter," Chandler continued. "My grandfather, the late Wilbur "Bud" Koester, was a member of the Romulus Police and Fire Commission, and was one of the original organizers of the Romulus Volunteer Fire Department. He went on to become the Assistant Fire Chief."

It was his grandfather and neighbor/ friend, fireman Doug Wilhide, who encouraged Chandler to get involved with his chosen profession.

An ongoing responsibility for Chandler is the inventory and ordering of medical supplies needed to provide advance life-support services.

"Corey is very dedicated to Garden City and its citizens," said Fire Chief Michael Todd, who was Chandler's direct supervisor on his shift. "He works hard at projecting a good, solid image."

One of the characteristics that most impresses Todd about Firefighter of the Year Corey Chandler is his willingness to initiate and complete projects around the fire station.

"He takes on a lot of projects - like cleaning and remodeling around the station - on his own," said Todd. "We recently received the Keep Michigan Beau-



Corey Chandler

tiful Award, and he was instrumental in that. He took that on without being

Chandler is the son of Sheldon and Gloria Chandler and grandson of Wilbur and Allison Koester - all lifelong Romulus residents and Romulus High School

He and his wife Rhonda have two children, Ashley and Lance.

RHS Health Occupations Students Compete



Health occupations teacher Terri Brinston (far right) and her assistant, Tracey Sullivan (far left), are proud of their students' performance at the recent HOSA regional competition. Participants qualifying for the April 11-13 state finals included (from left): front row - Angela Bowdler, Stacey Gilbert, and Marissa Wilson; back row - Tiffany Burrell, Brenda Finley, Sophia Rooks, Angelitia Gray, Alicia Harbor, and Jessica Frost. For story, see page 3.

Letters to the Editor

Middle School Student Seeks Sponsors



To whom it may concern:

My name is Jetaun Robinson. I am 12 years old and a seventh-grade student at Romulus Middle School. I'm a member of the Leadership Group as well as the Symphonic, Jazz, and Marching Bands. I have kept a 4.0 grade point average since the third grade.

Just recently, I was selected to attend the National Junior Leadership Conference, which is a great honor. Unfortunately, this conference costs \$1,700. Our single-family household is not a wealthy one, and my mother is not financially able to send me.

This experience would help build my academic and social skills, so I'm asking for sponsors to help me attend this educational event. The money is due April 1, 2002.

If you would like to help me achieve my dream, please send a check (made payable to the National Junior Leadership Conference) to my grandmother, Linda Cruz'Sein, at 3253 West Road, Trenton, Michigan 48183. Every little bit will help a lot.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Jetaun Michelle Robinson

Reader: Restore Free Speech to Churches

To the editor:

With the damage being done by the election reform bills, now more than ever do we need information about political candidates in order to make an intelligent and informed decision about casting our votes. For balanced information, we are reluctant to count only on the secular media to advise us, and the Christian media is being effectively silenced by the new election reform laws.

Does not the First Amendment clearly state, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech ..."? Which is exactly what Congress has done by silencing our pulpits. Even voterguides which furnish us with the viewpoints of both party candidates are restricted!

And what about unequal enforcement? While "free speech" is being protected for the gay-rights activists, porno distributors, and other immoral and anti-Christian groups, the IRS has effectively silenced our churches and houses of worship by charging them with "hate crimes" and revoking their tax-free status, which sometimes results in shutting them down!

During March, the House Ways and Means Committee will consider Bill #2357, introduced by Representative Walter Jones of North Carolina, which would restore to our houses of worship the free-speech protection which is so blatantly being denied to them. They must feel free to tell us the truth without fear of reprisals. Where can we get better information?

Rather than enacting more laws, hiring more policemen, or building more jails, we need the education that the pulpits can provide, since many of the civil laws are being enacted in direct opposition to moral laws. We need, more than ever, messages of reconciliation, virtue, hope, and real love.

Isn't that why we choose to attend our chosen "house of worship"?

Sincerely, Lucille Raymond

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Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. (Writers need not be afraid to include their name when asking for anonymity, since all such names are kept in the strictest confidence, regardless of whether or not the letter is published.)

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Romulus-Belleville HOSA Students Excel at Regionals

Students from the Romulus-Belleville health occupations program at Romulus High School performed well at the recent Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) regional competition held at Henry Ford Community College. Teacher Terri Brinston was proud of the number of students who placed in the top 10 in their respective categories, thereby earning a chance to participate in the state competition, to be held in Traverse City April 11-13.

Students who received certificates for finishing in the top 3 were:

- Taritonye Burutolu (first place, Clinical Medical Assistant),
- LaKishia Smith (first place, Administrative Medical Assistant),
- Jamie McLaughlin (second place, Administrative Medical Assistant),
- Brenda Finley (third place, Prepared Speaking), and
- Susan Thacker (third place, Extemporaneous Writing).

Finalists who finished fourth through tenth included:

- Jamie Gamble and Amy McLellan (Nursing Assistant);
- Susan Thacker (Medical Math);
- Nicole Bills, Nicole Cribbs, Melissa Smith, Stacey Gilbert, Marissa Wilson, and Angela Bowdler (Career Health Display);
- Taritonye Burutolu, Tiffany Smith, and Melissa Smith (Creative Problem
- Melissa Smith, Tiffany Smith, Tiffany Burrell, and Jessica Frost (CPR/First
- Jamie McLaughlin and Alicia Harbor (Job-seeking Skills);
- Sophia Rooks, Angelitia Gray, and Erica Burley (Extemporaneous Health Poster); and
- Brenda Finley (Administrative Medical Assistant).

Brinston congratulated her students and wished them well at the state finals.

REA Gives \$1,000 To RAHC

Last month, by a unanimous vote, the Romulus Education Association (REA) passed a resolution expressing support for the continued operation of the Romulus Adolescent Health Center (RAHC). The clinic, located in Romulus High School, is fighting to keep its doors open following state budget cuts that eliminate the vast majority of its funding.

The REA also donated \$1,000 to the clinic.

The resolution read, in part:

"Whereas, Affordable health care should be available to all members of the Romulus community; and

"Whereas, We consider the Romulus Health Center to be a vital and necessary part of our community; and

"Whereas. We deem the discontinuation of funding from the State of Michigan for the Romulus Health Center a detriment to our community; therefore

"Resolved, The Romulus Education Association is in full support of the continued operation of the Romulus Health Center.

"Resolved, The Romulus Education Association will become a part of the community group to work toward the continued funding of the Romulus Health

To learn more about how you can help keep RAHC open, contact Vidovic at 734-941-1400.



Romulus Education Association President Jason Salhaney presents a check for \$1,000 to Diane Vidovic (center), Director of the Romulus Adolescent Health Center. Sheila Stasak, who teaches physical education at Barth Elementary and also chairs the school district's Healthy Living Committee, also supported the REA's efforts.

Barth Elementary Students Present "We Are The World"

Students from Barth Elementary recently presented a program entitled "We Are The World." The program featured two drama presentations, a musical selection, and a narrated story.

Kindergartners from Karen Richard's class joined a group of the school's sixth-graders to open the evening with a heritage program. Each student was dressed in attire appropriate for the famous person that he/she portrayed, and each gave a brief biographical sketch of his/her character.

Next, second-graders from the classes of Becky Montroy and Lauren Whitey performed a play entitled "Bringing The Rain To Kapiti Plain." All wore costumes appropriate to their play's rainforest setting

Following that, music teacher Kevin Cook led the Barth choir and the audience in the musical selection, "We Are The World."

The final event of the evening was a story, "The Napping House," narrated by the Reverend Ronald Arthur, Pastor of the Springhill Baptist Church in Detroit. The story was introduced by kindergartner Alexa Snyder and written by Audrey Wood.

Students who took part in the heritage presentation are listed below. (Names in parentheses indicate the identity of the character that each student portrayed.)

Mrs. Richard's Kindergarten

- Rayneisha Abrams (Rosa Parks),
- Cheyenne Adams (Susan B. Anthony),
- Andrea Bagley (Clara Barton).
- Nicholas Banko (Steve Yzerman),
- Romel Bohler (Garrett Morgan),
- David Druyor (Dr. Seuss),

- Bethany Elam (Pocahontas),
- Danielle Elam (Amelia Earhart),
- Matthew Eldridge (Thurgood Marshall),
- Dylan Hackney (Tiger Woods),
- Parsha Hawkins (Sarah Boone),
- Rachel LaPorte (Jacqueline Kennedy),
- Savannah Leininger (Sacajawea),
- Estacia Logan (Mrs. Richard),
- Benjamen Mach (Abraham Lincoln),
- Megan Messer (Sally Ride),
- Hunter Moore (Joe Montana),
- NaJae Moore (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.),
- Sidney Morris (Diane Sawyer),
- · Devin Nehila (Regis Philbin),
- · Jacob Randall (Thomas Edison),
- Madeline Satterlee (Betsy Ross),
- Christopher Silvey (Mohammed Ali),
- Alexa Snyder
- (Sandra Day O'Connor),
- Madison Tyree (Mrs. Golka),
- Dakota Williams (John Glenn),
- Sean Wilkerson (Alan Lambert),
- Krista Wilkewitz (Mother Teresa),
- Robert Willson (Henry Ford), and
- Jeremy Zabik (George Washington).

Sixth-grade Students

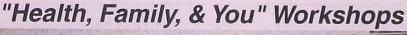
- Rachel Arthur (Sojourner Truth),
- Amelia Britz (Maria Tallchief),
- Kourtney Hamilton (Aretha Franklin),
- Adam Hammond (Dr. Seuss),
- Brittney Heil (Eleanor Roosevelt),
- Kaleb Heil (Bobby Higginson),
- Barrett Jackson (Jesse Owens),
- Jesse Kennedy (Joe Louis),
- Jeremy Kirtley (George Bush),
- Kristin Leigh (Laura Bush),
- Courtney Ramsey (Dolores Huerta),
- Stephanie Rutherford (Chien-Shiung Wu), and
- Tricia Wanamaker (Faye Dunaway).



Each kindergartner from Karen Richard's class wore an outfit appropriate for the person that he/she portrayed, and each gave a brief biographical sketch of his/her character.



Barth Elementary sixth-graders who performed in the "We Are The World" heritage program included (from left): front row - Jesse Kennedy, Kaleb Heil, Jeremy Kirtley, and Adam Hammond; back row - Stephanie Rutherford, Courtney Ramsey, Tiffany Williams, Kristin Leigh, Amelia Britz, and Carrie Sawdy. They, too, wore appropriate attire and gave brief character sketches.





Stephanie Adkins, Site Coordinator for the 21st Century Program at Wick Elementary, works on a bead project with students while their parents participate in a "Health, Family, & You" workshop on diabetes. The 21st Century Program offers similar free workshops on a monthly basis. For more information, call 734-532-1755.

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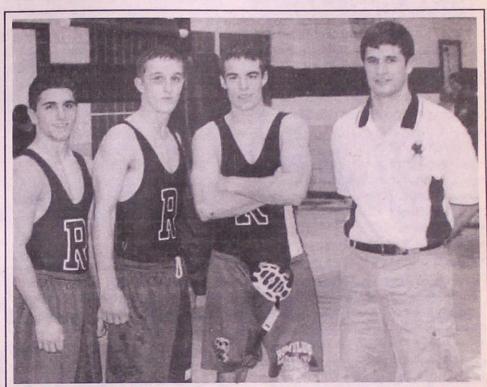
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2 Wrestlers from Romulus High School Garner All-state Honors



Coach Jason Balcom (right) was proud of the performances of Romulus High School wrestlers (from left) Chris Anderson, Roger Chapman, and Nick Druyor, each of whom competed in the recent state finals. Chapman and Druyor (finishing fifth and eighth, respectively, in their weight class) earned All-State honors.

Two Romulus High School wrestlers have been accorded All-State honors for their accomplishments at the state wrestling finals held March 8–10 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Roger Chapman finished fifth in the 135-lb. weight class while Nick Druyor finished eighth in the 145-lb. class. Romulus had one other state meet qualifier, Chris Anderson, who wrestled in the 119-lb. class, but was injured in his second match and unable to continue in the competition.

All three wrestlers had to finish

among the top four in their respective weight class at both the district and regional individual tournaments to qualify for the state meet. The State Wrestling Association issues All-State honors to the top eight finishers in each weight class at the state tournament.

Coach Jason Balcom was pleased with his wrestlers' accomplishments at the state finals and the team's third-place finish in the tough Mega Red Division. The Red Division is widely considered the most difficult among the four levels established by the Mega League.

Teachers Win 5 Title VI Mini-grants

Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director for Romulus Community Schools, recently announced that district teachers have received five 2001–2002 Title VI Minigrants. The Mini-grant program is administered through the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WCRESA).

Wayne J. Ruchy, the Title VI Program Coordinator from WCRESA, congratulated the district on the large number of awards it garnered.

In order to obtain a Mini-grant, a teacher has to write up a noteworthy project that he/she feels would benefit his/her current class, said Dolan.

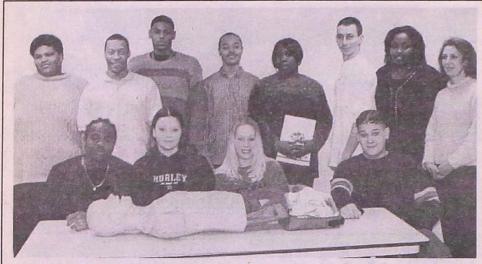
"The teacher has to describe the particular project he/she has in mind, explain how and why it would benefit the students, and develop a budget plan necessary to complete the project," he noted.

Dolan was impressed with the Romulus teachers' applications this year, especially the section on how a project would help a teacher's class. He congratulated each of the five award-winners – Judith Barthwell (vocal music, Romulus High School), Edward Horn (social studies, Romulus High School), Kathleen Hall (math, Romulus Middle School), Jeff Leucht (fifth grade, Romulus Elementary School), and Jason Salhaney (fifth grade, Halecreek Elementary School) – for their outstanding presentations.

"It takes a lot of extra time, energy, and dedication to prepare a successful Mini-grant application, and these teachers have taken the time and effort necessary to succeed," Dolan said.

Each of the five Title VI Mini-grants awarded to Romulus teachers has a value of between \$725 and \$750.

RCHS Students Earn "Medical First Responder" Certificates



Instructor Michele Gonyea congratulates her Community High School students, who were presented with "Medical First Responder" certificates during a recent ceremony held at Wayne County Community College.

A group of Romulus Community High School (RCHS) students was honored during the Medical First Responder "certificate of completion" presentation recently held at the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College (WCCC). Co-sponsored by WCCC and RCHS, Medical First Responder is a unique class that gives local students an opportunity to earn college credits.

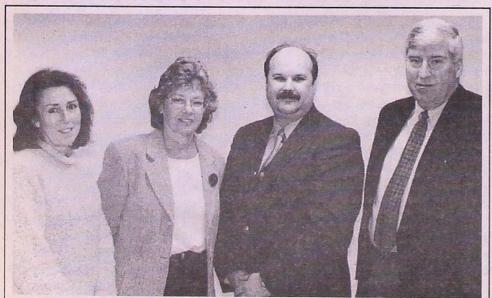
Michele Gonyea, a WCCC instructor who teaches the class, indicated that about 50% of those enrolled in Medical First Responder received a certificate of completion. Students had to score over 80% on class activities in order to get the certificate and earn the college credit. Gonyea praised her students and described how hard they worked to accomplish their goals. She also noted that many of them are now taking the next course in the MFR sequence.

Dr. Marjorie Oliver, President of the WCCC Western Campus, welcomed the students and their families/guests to the certificate ceremony, and complimented the cooperative efforts of her WCCC staff and the administration of Community High School for making this special educational opportunity available.

Additional greetings were made by Tony Arminiak, Dean of Instruction at the Western Campus and head of the college's MFR/EMS programs, and Bill Musham, Director of Adult and Community Education for Romulus Community Schools.

The students and their guests were then treated to a finger-food buffet and demonstrations of student medical skills, and also given a tour of the Western Campus building.

Students earning certificates were: Randy Akers, Jessica Aymer, Robin Bell, Brandon Burrell, Marsha Conway, Christian Cullen, Kenneth Greenwood, Eric Harrold, Adam Kennedy, Chartese Love, De'Shantai Manuel, Courtney Pemberton, Megan Piskorwski, Sarah Slone, Chelsea Smith, Shantina Southhall, Leo Sutton, James Vanderhoof, Kyshun Watkins, and Brandon Williams.



Others who took part in the ceremony, along with Gonyea (left) were (from left) Dr. Marjorie Oliver, President, WCCC Western Campus; Tony Arminiak. Dean of Instruction at the Campus; and AlWilkerson, Principal of Romulus Community High School.

RHS Boys' Track

VARSITY

- Romulus at EMU Relays (Fri., Mar. 29, TBA)
- Romulus at Woodhaven (Thurs., Apr. 11, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Thurs., Apr. 18, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Dearborn Elks Relays
 - (Sat., Apr. 20, TBA)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Tues., Apr. 23, 3:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Tues., Apr. 30, 3:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Thurs., May 2, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Tory Clark Invitational (Adrian) (Sat., May 4, 9:45 a.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Tues., May 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thurs., May 9, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at News Herald Invitational (Grosse Ile) (Sat., May 11, 9 a.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Tues., May 14, 3:30 p.m.)

RHS Lacrosse

VARSITY

- · Lincoln at Romulus (Tues., Mar. 19, 4:30 p.m.)
- West Ottawa at Romulus (Thurs., Mar. 21, 4:30 p.m.)
- U of D Jesuit at Romulus (Fri., Mar. 22, 5 p.m.)
- Romulus at Hartland (Tues., Mar. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Canton at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 11, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at L'Anse Creuse N. (Sat., Apr. 13, 11 a.m.)
- Romulus at GR Catholic (Tues., Apr. 16, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln (Thurs., Apr. 18, 5 p.m.)
- Waterford and Clarkston at Romulus (Sat., Apr. 20, 10 a.m./12 p.m.)
- Holt at Romulus (Tues., Apr. 23, 6:30 p.m.)
- Tecumseh at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 25, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Tecumseh (Tues., Apr. 30, 6 p.m.)
- Lincoln at Romulus (Thurs., May 2, 6 p.m.)
- Holland Christian and Grand Haven at Romulus (Sat., May 4, 12 a.m./12 p.m.)
- Romulus at Canton (Tues., May 7, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Tecumseh (Thurs., May 9, 6 p.m.)
- Utica Eisenhower at Romulus (Tues., May 14, 7 p.m.)

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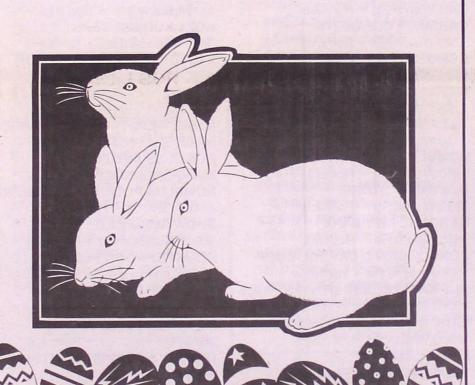
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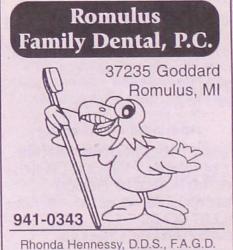
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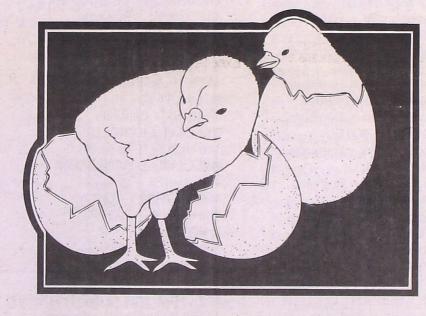
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REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 11, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Debbie Dick

Roll call showed members Kenneth Berlinn, Michael Woods, April Frayer, Billy McCraight, Betty Lenossi, and Debbie Dick present. Member Cheryle Buckley excused. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dick

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2/02/1 Moved by Berlinn supported by Frayer that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved by Berlinn supported by Frayer to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval

FYI: Mamikka Taplin, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective December 12, 2001.

Bills for Payment

Moved by McCraight supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education 2/02/3 approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Diane Golka - Golden Apple Award

Madam Golka, along with Barth staff, appeared before the Board of Education to show the Board the Golden Apple Award that Barth School recently received from the State of Michigan at a presentation at Wayne County RESA. Madam Golka thanked her staff and expressed gratitude to the Board of Education for its support.

Curriculum Presentation - Technology

Messrs. Musham, Kimbrough, and Wilkerson and Madam Satterlee were present to update the Board of Education on the industrial technology curriculum.

Construction Update

Kevin Waldman presented a construction update to the Board on the new pool, etc.

Year-to-date Change Orders

Moved by Berlinn supported by Woods to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the December 2001 Change Orders amounting to \$41,358.65. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

District-wide Bond Uncommitted Cost Wish List

Mr. William Routhier, Director of Finance and Operations, presented the Board of Education with a Wish List of Uncommitted Funds Analysis from the 1999 bond issue. February 25, 2002 Scheduled Meeting

The Board of Education scheduled a special study session for Monday, February 25, 2002, 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the Wish List of uncommitted funds from the 1999 bond issue.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Robert McLachlan, Halecreek parent, appeared before the Board of Education and requested a copy of the Wish List as discussed at the meeting. Mr. McLachlan further stated that there is not much recreation at the south end of town, and that he would like to see a running track at Halecreek Elementary. Mr. McLachlan also stated that the Board should work on getting MEAP scores made confidential and not fall under the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. McLachlan suggested that bond funds be used for the purchase of defibrillators for all schools. Mr. Troy LaPorte, Barth parent, questioned the opening date for the schools' new science labs. He was informed that they are currently in the process of opening. Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Romulus resident, stated that he is opposed to the Standard & Poors Report and that MEAP statistics are used for the wrong reasons. Dawn Smith, Middle School parent, stated that parents should be notified if an accident occurs on a bus

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with Board members: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Romulus Middle School Newsletter; 3) Thank You - Joseph Reed Family; 4) Thank You - Phyllis Adkins; 5) Cory Elementary School Newsletter; 6) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Article; 7) Correspondence - Michigan Citizens for Fairness; 8) Correspondence - Habitat for Humanity; 9) District Committees; 10) Quiz Bowl Results; 11) The Ideal 21st-century School; 12) Student of the Month - RHS; and 13) Correspondence - Martin Luther King Day (Dolan and Hurst). Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Michael Woods questioned as to whether the newly proposed budget from Governor John Engler would affect the school district's finances next year. Debbie Dick asked about eighth-graders participating in dance. Mrs. Dick further questioned the Finance Minutes and taping of Board meetings. Mrs. Dick also commented on the timetable for evaluation of the Superintendent. April Frayer suggested that further information about the district's new phone numbers be communicated to the public. Mrs. Frayer questioned as to whether the High School sign could be used to announce Little League registration. Mrs. Frayer further asked that the administration check the possibility of establishing family rates to get into athletic events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary Romulus Board of Education

Program Makes Juriga's Day



A "Queen for the Day" ceremony honoring Wick Principal Debbie Juriga featured many performances by staff and students, including sixthgrader Quinn Nash's recitation of a special poem called "My Principal." Wick secretary Becky Weimer is on Juriga's left.

Wick Elementary School students and staff members recently "made the day" of Principal Debbie Juriga by giving her a surprise assembly. The event was held to honor Juriga, who was one of only seven educators nationwide to receive the North Central Association's prestigious John W. Vaughn Award for Excellence in Education.

Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, served as master of ceremonies for the program, which included:

- a special ceremony during which Juriga was crowned "Queen for the
- a poem, entitled "My Principal," read by sixth-grader Quinn Nash;
- a "personalized" version of "My Girl" sung by the Wick staff;

- a performance of "Proud Debbie" (to the tune of "Proud Mary") by the Board of Education "Fishettes";
- various gifts commemorating the occasion; and
- a greeting from Juriga's husband, former Romulus Middle School teacher John Juriga.

The students really got into it, and joined the grand finale singing "YMCA" along with the "Fishettes." Principal Juriga was overwhelmed by the program and gave each student a hug as he/she went back to class after the assembly.

The Wick staff then celebrated the event with a luncheon.

Wick students had also invited district administrators to attend their secret program.

City and Schools: Working Together



Herbert Buckley, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, talks over his plans with Cory Elementary Principal Phyllis Adkins, who recently invited Buckley to join her School-Community Committee.

Halecreek Students Celebrate the Diversity in Our Culture



Third-grader Justin Morgan takes notes about Michigan's Ojibwa tribe of Native Americans.

During the month of February, each class at Halecreek Elementary School focused on a specific culture in order to learn more about it. Students researched the country/culture they were studying using the Internet, library books, and community resources.

Students in each classroom then shared what they had learned about the culture they studied with another "partner class" at Halecreek. For example, Cathy Kudra's kindergarten class studied Native American culture, while Phyllis Williams' kindergartners studied African culture. At the end of the month, both

shared their information and materials with each other and tasted the foods of each other's culture.

Later, the cultural exhibits from each class were displayed in Halecreek's media center. This gave students an opportunity to explore and appreciate the wide variety of cultures studied by the different classes. Students got to play games from other cultures, too.

"Halecreek children, parents, and staff have developed some additional insights into this world in which we live!" said Kudra. "It was a positive learning experience for us all."

Kindergarten Roundup: Big Success



The annual Kindergarten Roundup was a big success, with 180 students registering for the district's all-day/every-day program. Here (from left), Romulus Elementary student Larissa Bailey and her parents, Charo and Larry, accept an early learning backpack from Paraprofessional Wendy Dubyak and Learning Center Specialist Gretchen Notaro at registration.

Community Calendar

- Youtheatre Offers Ferdinand the Bull Youtheatre's Wiggle Club (for children age three and over) will present Ferdinand the Bull on Saturday, March 23 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 24 (2 p.m.), at the Millennium Centre (15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$10 at the door. Group rates, birthday parties, season tickets, and drama workshops are available. For more information, call 248-557-PLAY (7529).
- Travel Baseball Tryouts The WaCo Wolves USA summer travel baseball team (age 16 and under) of the Little Caesar's Amateur Baseball Federation will be holding its final tryout at Bowen Field House (Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti) on Sunday, March 24. For time or other information, call Lou at 734-620-1050 or Bill at 734-516-3723, or visit the team's Web site: http://www.eteamz.com/WaCoWOLVESUSA.
- St. Paul Hosts Special Services St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend the following special services featuring Holy Communion: *Maundy Thursday* (March 28, 7 p.m.), *Good Friday* (March 29, 1 and 7 p.m.), and *Easter Sunday* (March 31, 6:30 and 10 a.m.). For more information, call the Church (734-753-9048).
- Shepherding a Child's Heart Do you find parenting to be challenging? Most of us do. But Reverend Marvin Hawbaker of Calvary Baptist Church (11338 Ozga Road, Romulus) says that the God who gave you children wrote the book on how to raise them! To find out more, attend the church's ongoing video series, called "Shepherding a Child's Heart," each Sunday at 6 p.m. There is no charge or obligation involved. For further information, call the church at 734-941-0236 or visit its Web site: www.calvaryromulus.org. Questions may also be sent to calvaryromulus@netzero.net, the church's e-mail address.
- Romulus Democratic Club The Romulus Democratic Club will meet at the UAW Union Hall, Local #157 (29841 Van Born Road), at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513.
- Kentuckians of Michigan To Host '50s Dance The Kentuckians of Michigan will host a '50s Dance at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Saturday, April 13. Doors open at 7 p.m.; a buffet meal will be served at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person. Beer and setups are included; BYOB. No one under 21 years of age will be admitted. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- Free Rose-growing Seminars Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend the following free seminars: Felco Pruner Workshop (Sunday, April 14, 1 p.m.; Monday, April 15, 11 a.m.); Pruning and Fertilizing Roses (Sunday, April 21, 1 p.m.; Monday, April 22, 11 a.m.); Sunday, April 28, 1 p.m.; Monday, April 29, 11 a.m.); and Rose Planting Demonstration (Sunday, May 5, 1 p.m.; Monday, May 6, 11 a.m.). Participants are urged to dress for the weather! An optional light lunch may be ordered after the Monday programs. For more information, visit the Great Lakes Roses Website (www.GreatLakesRoses.com) or call 734-461-1230.
- "African American Experience" Book Discussion Group The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: April 17) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For information about the club or its reading list, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- Blood Drive St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at the corner
 of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston, is sponsoring a blood drive on
 Monday, April 22, from 2 to 8 p.m. To make an appointment, call the Church
 office: 734-753-9048.
- Chamber Golf Outing The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will
 host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at the Woodlands of Van Buren on
 Thursday, August 22. For more information, call 734-326-4290.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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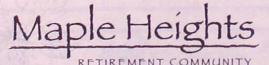


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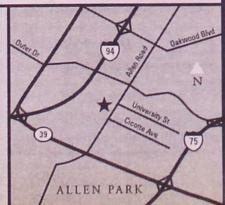
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins in the downtown area, please call 734-942-6852.)

Tower Residents Talk with Basham

On February 18, State Representative Ray Basham visited Romulus Tower apartments to share coffee, donuts, and ideas with the residents there. Basham was accompanied by his assistant, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, who plans to seek the term-limited Basham's seat this fall.

"It was a very informative program," said Tower Manager Melissa Morton, who was on hand for the event along with fellow Wingate Management Corp. representatives Kathy Phelps (Regional Manager) and Rochelle Upfal (Director of Social Services). "We look forward to positive changes for senior citizens in the future."

Free Tax Preparation

Now through April 10, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center to assist low- and moderateincome Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for homestead property taxes, home-heating credits, and prescription

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be furnished at the time of registration.

Pizza Party

Betty Santo and the students at Romulus Middle School will host a pizza party for local seniors on Thursday, March 28, at the school. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, so early registration is recommended.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- Bay Mills
 - (April 1-2; \$119);
- Da Untouchable Chicago (April 14-15; \$209 triple occupancy/ \$219 double/\$269 single);
- Lion King Toronto (April 24-25; \$269); and
- African Lion Safari (August 22; \$75 adult/\$60 child).

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program - a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens - has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17

As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

Blood Pressure/Foot Doctor

Get your blood pressure checked and/or your feet examined at the Center on Thursday, March 28, beginning at 10 a.m. Although there is no out-of-pocket cost, early registration is requested.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's Tele-Care program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

Some Handy Phone Numbers

Don't know who to call for help? Stop in at the Romulus Senior Center, where you can pick up a "Helping Services" list chock full of telephone numbers for AARP, Legal Aid, adult day care, transportation services, and much more.

Don't have time to stop by? Call and ask to be put on the Center's mailing list for the monthly "Communicator" newsletter. It's absolutely free, and it frequently contains the "Helping Services" list, plus information about a variety of local programs, too.

Transportation Update

Just a reminder about recent changes in the Romulus Senior Center's transportation program.

- Transportation is now available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Transportation on Wednesdays and Fridays varies according to staff avail-
- The cost to travel from one point in Romulus to another - round-trip or one-way - is \$1, with an additional \$.50 charge for each extra stop.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Annapolis Oakwood area is \$3.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Belleville Oakwood area is \$3.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Heritage Oakwood area is \$6.
- It is advisable to make your appointment for pickup at least 24 to 48 hours in advance, since the schedule fills up quickly.
- Special transportation requests may be approved.
- There is still no charge for transportation to and from the Senior Center. To make your appointment, please

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Engagement

Devin Patrick Anderson/Lori Ann Wagner



Devin and Lori

Dr. Linda M. Atkinson of Romulus, Michigan, is proud to announce the engagement of her son, Devin Patrick Atkinson, to Lori Ann Wagner.

Both Devin and Lori are students at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

Devin proposed to Lori while the two were attending a Dr. Atkinson's seminar in Chicago last weekend.

The diamond in Lori's engagement ring is from Dr. Atkinson's wedding ring.

The couple has not yet chosen a wedding date.

Congratulations and best wishes to both. \Box

For info, call the City of Romulus. Personnel Dept.: 734-942-7512

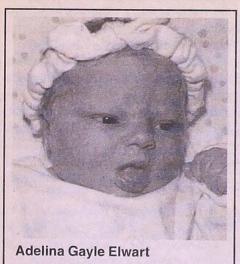
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The Stork Arrived

Adelina Gayle Elwart



Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Adelina Gayle Elwart, are Joshua and Amy Elwart of Romulus, Michigan.

Adelina was born in St. Joseph Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 6:18 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2002, weighing 9 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were big sisters Emily (age 6) and Olivia (age 4).

Adelina's paternal grandfather is Dr. Dan Elwart (Dearborn Heights, MI). Tom and Ruby Ursing (Romulus, MI) are her maternal grandparents.

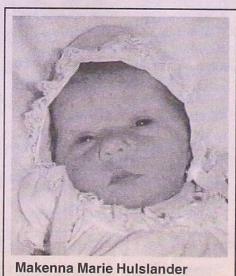
Makenna Marie Hulslander

Raymond Hulslander and Vicky Samples of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Makenna Marie Hulslander.

Makenna was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 5:13 a.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2001, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big brother Damian Ray Hulslander.

Makenna's paternal grandparents are Ray and Robin Hulslander (Romulus, MI); James Fogg and Patricia Samples (Romulus, MI) are her maternal grandparents.



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STUDY SESSION, FEBRUARY 25, 2002

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 25, 2002, was called to order by President Debbie Dick at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call showed members Kenneth Berlinn, Michael Woods, April Frayer, Cheryle Buckley, Betty Lenossi, and Debbie Dick were present. Member Billy McCraight was excused. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Ed Clark, and William Routhier were also present. President Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2/02/6 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

WISH LIST - DISCUSSION:

The Wish List as presented was discussed with the Board of Education. Board members' concerns were as follows: security systems (all schools); new microphones in Board room; air conditioning (computer rooms, High School auditorium); science class-rooms at the Middle School; paving at Wick School; tennis courts at the Middle School; carpeting at all schools; barn at the Board office for storage; videotaping of Board meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:2/02/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Woods to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

2/02/8 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes:
6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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STUDY SESSION, MARCH 7, 2002

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Thursday, March 7, 2002, was called to order by President Debbie Dick at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call showed members Kenneth Berlinn, Michael Woods, Cheryle Buckley, Betty Lenossi, and Debbie Dick were present. Member Billy McCraight was excused. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Ed Clark, and William Routhier were also present. Member April Frayer entered at 5:31 p.m.

President Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/02/1 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

3/02/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Buckley to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

3/02/3 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to reconvene into Study Session. The Board reconvened into Study Session at 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/02/4 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes:
6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):			

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Bridesmaids	
Groomsmen	
Date of Engagement	
Date of Wedding	
Place	
City	State
Reception	
City	State
Name and phone number of person to co	intact (in case of questions):

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituary

Arnold A. Burchfiel

Arnold A. Burchfiel of Southgate, Michigan, died on Tuesday, March 5, 2002. He was 77 years old.

Arnold, a native of Benton, Tennessee, was born on July 29, 1924. The honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army was a member of the American Legion (Wayne, MI) and Local #324 of the Operating Engineers Union.

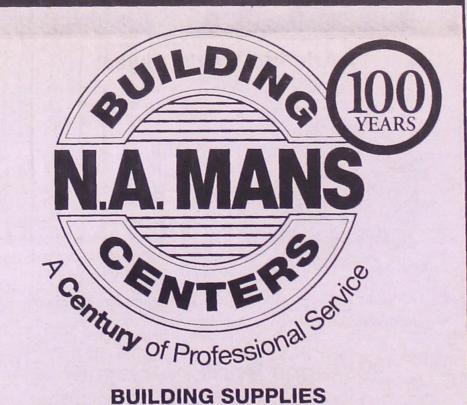
Surviving Arnold are four daughters, Judy (Charles) Seebald (Austin, TX), Brenda (Danny) Thomas (Hillsdale, MI), Glenda (Cliff) Vance (Southgate), and Debbie Flood (Romulus, MI); a brother, Bobby; five sisters, Ruth, Pat,

Edna, Grace, and Regina; eight grandchildren, Deno Franklin, Dena Barber, Mark Neino, Dane Neino, Arnie Chamberlain, Marty Chamberlain, Crystal Flood, and Mithcell Flood; and eight great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing him were his spouse, Mary Frances; a brother, William; and two sisters, Naomi and Anne.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Don Belcher (Sunset Church of Christ, Tayler, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

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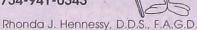
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